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OF INTERIOR AND THE NATIONAL CENTER OF INFORMATION (CNI) PREVENTED THE FOREIGN MINISTRY FROM PREPARING A DETAILED AND INFORMATIVE REPORT FOR UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL KURT W A L D H E I M ON THE MATTER OF MISSING PERSONS. IN THE CASES WHERE THERE WAS TESTIMONY THAT THE INDIVIDUAL IN QUESTION WAS KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN ARRESTED AND/OR HELD IN A GOVERNMENT DETENTION CENTER, REQUESTS WERE SENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S HUMAN RIGHTS SECRETARIAT TO THE CNI AND THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ASKING FOR FURTHER INFORMATION. IN EVERY CASE SECRETARIAT RECEIVED THE REPLY THAT THERE WAS NO RECORD OF THE INDIVIDUAL. COMMENT: MANY CIVILIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT THE REPORT WAS AN EMBARRASSMENT AND THAT IT WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE NOT TO HAVE SENT ANY REPORT.)

2. RECOGNIZING THE WEAKNESSES OF THE INFORMATION COLLECTED BY THE HUMAN RIGHTS SECRETARIAT, FOREIGN MINISTER PATRICIO C A R V A J A L MET WITH GENERAL CESAR B E N A V I D E S, MINISTER OF INTERIOR. IN EARLY SEPTEMBER TO DISCUSS THE NEED FOR A MORE OPEN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION. THE MEETING RESULTED IN AN AGREEMENT BY BENAVIDES TO GIVE ALL ASSISTANCE POSSIBLE IN THE MATTER. IN PRACTICE, HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION FROM THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR CONTINUED TO BE VAGUE OR SIMPLY NEGATIVE.

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3. THERE IS A GENERALIZED FEELING IN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AMONG CAREER OFFICERS THAT THE MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS A COMPLETE LACK OF TRUST IN THEIR MINISTRY. IT IS CLEAR TO MOST OF THESE OFFICIALS THAT THERE IS MORE INFORMATION ON THE SUBJECT OF THE MISSING PERSONS THAN IS COMING TO LIGHT, AND THEY REALIZE THAT THEY ARE BEING ROADBLOCKED BY OTHER ELEMENTS OF THEIR OWN GOVERNMENT.

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